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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO MR. P. B. SVIKLIS,  
DIRECTOR, ALL UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON  
APPLICATION OF POLYMER MATERIALS FOR LAND RECLAMATION AND  
WATER MANAGEMENT, IN ANSWER TO HIS LETTER OF APRIL 4, 1975.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. SVIKLIS: MAY 16, 1975

WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR READINESS TO RECEIVE  
AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN WORK CATEGORIES II-3-1 AND III-3-2.  
THE BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS MENTIONED IN MY FEBRUARY 26, 1975  
LETTER TO YOU HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR US TO DELAY THE  
VISIT SOMEWHAT. THE EARLIEST OUR TEAM COULD SCHEDULE A  
VISIT IS IN JULY. THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR  
APRIL 4, 1975 LETTER, WE PROPOSE THAT A TEAM OF FIVE  
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SPECIALISTS AND A TRANSLATOR ARRIVE IN MOSCOW JULY 9,  
1975. THEY WOULD RETURN, LEAVING MOSCOW JULY 23, 1975.  
IF THIS IS NOT CONVENIENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR  
SUGGESTING A LATER TIME. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY

REPLY TELEGRAM ON YOUR PREFERRED DATES FOR THIS VISIT.

WE AGREE THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE FOR A MEETING OF THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN SPECIALISTS TO DEVELOP DETAILED WORK PLANS FOR CATEGORIES II-3-1 AND II-3-2 AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX 2 OF THE RECORD OF THE SEPTEMBER 1974 MEETING. THE PROPOSED TOUR OF RELATED ACTIVITIES WOULD BE MOST VALUABLE. WE ASK THAT IT PRECEDE THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DETAILED WORK PLANS. THIS WOULD HELP PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TECHNOLOGY TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE WORK PLAN.

IN THE USE OF PLASTIC FILM FOR CANAL AND RESERVOIR LINING IN DIFFERING ENVIRONMENTS, THE AMERICAN TEAM IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING NEW MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES, RESEARCH APPROACHES FOR MATERIALS EVALUATION, APPLICATION TECHNIQUES, PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, IMPROVED MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS, AND NEW QUALITY CONTROL TESTING METHODS; NEW DESIGN PROCEDURES AND CONCEPTS; AND NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE METHODS AND PROCEDURES. TO STUDY THESE TOPICS THE TOUR ITINERARY SHOULD INCLUDE (1) PLASTIC FILM MANUFACTURING PLANTS; (2) RESEARCH FACILITIES WORKING ON FILM PROPERTIES; (3) ENGINEERING OFFICES WORKING ON DESIGN AND SPECIFICATION PREPARATION; AND (4) FIELD SITES TO REVIEW CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES, FILM PERFORMANCE, OPERATING EXPERIENCE, AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES. PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN VISIT TO THE USSR BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY IS DEPENDENT UPON RECIPROCAL VISITS OF THE AMERICAN TEAM TO SOVIET PLANTS MANUFACTURING PLASTIC FILMS.

SIMILARLY, OUR OBJECTIVE FOR CATEGORY II-3-1 ARE LEARNING OF NEW RESEARCH IDEAS FOR NEW MATERIALS, APPLICATIONS, AND EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE; NEW MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS; IMPROVED QUALITY CONTROL TESTING; NEW DESIGN PROCEDURES AND CONCEPTS; NEW CONSTRUCTION METHODS; AND OPERATIONS PROCEDURES ALL FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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POLYMERS FOR SOIL STABILIZATION FOR EROSION PREVENTION IN CONSTRUCTION, CONTROL OF SEEPAGE LOSS, MOISTURE CONTROL FOR REDUCING AIR SLAKING AND SOIL EXPANSION, AND TO PROMOTE REVEGETATION FOR PERMANENT STABILIZATION AND TO ENHANCE ECOLOGICAL AND ESTHETIC VALUES. EROSION CONTROL INCLUDES DUST ABATEMENT, WEATHER EROSION, SLOUGHING CONTROL AND WAVE EROSION. FOR THESE TOPICS THE ITINERARY COULD INCLUDE VISITS TO APPROPRIATE RESEARCH FACILITIES, DESIGN OFFICES, AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

YOU MAY FIND IT MOST CONVENIENT AND EFFICIENT TO SCHEDULE FOR SEPARATE ITINERARIES FOR II-3-1 AND II-3-2

CATEGORIES FOR SOME OF THE TOUR. OUR TEAM WOULD EASILY BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THIS ARRANGEMENT.

WE WOULD WELCOME THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN CATEGORY II-3-3 FOR A VISIT IN SEPTEMBER. WE PREFER THEY ARRIVE IN THE U.S. ON SEPTEMBER 7. THE LATEST RECOMMENDED DATE OF ARRIVAL IS SEPTEMBER 14. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SCHEDULE A 3-WEEK VISIT IN THE U.S. IF YOU DESIRE. SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE FOR THE MOST SATISFACTORY VISIT, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY TELEGRAM THE PREFERRED DATES AND PLACES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. AN ITINERARY WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET YOUR OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE IN THE TIME ALLOWED. THE PROPOSED DETAILED ITINERARY WILL BE FURNISHED FOR YOUR REVIEW.

WE WILL ARRANGE FOR A VISIT AT THE SAME TIME TO A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WHERE PLASTIC FILM IS BEING INSTALLED AS A WATERTIGHT LINING.

I WOULD LIKE TO RENEW MY REQUEST IN MY FEBRUARY 26, 1975 LETTER TO YOU FOR APPROVAL OF A VISIT OF A GROUP OF SPECIALISTS IN CATEGORY II-3-4. THIS WAS DISCUSSED IN A LETTER FROM MR. JOHN M. SCANLON OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO DR. KOVALENKO OF THE INSTITUTE IN KIEV. MR. SCANLON'S LETTER WAS INCLUDED WITH MY FEBRUARY 26, 1975 LETTER TO YOU.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS IN THE CONTINUED COOPERATION OF THE U.S. AND U.S.S.R. IN THE FIELD OF PLASTICS IN HYDROTECHNICAL CONSTRUCTION.

AS YOU REQUESTED, THIS IS BEING SENT BY TELEGRAM WITH CONFIRMING COPY BY MAIL.

SINCERELY YOURS, H. G. ARTHUR, DIRECTOR OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. UNQUOTE.

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